restate, and the nobies, themselves of similar caliber, probably liked him none the less on that account.

Presently the archibitop stopped in its walk, and faced the assemblage. My lords," he said, "we have already to lords," he said, "we have already

"My fords," he said, "we have already waited longer than the utmost stretch of courtesy demands. The esteem in which Count Winneburg holds our deliberations is indicated by his inexcusable neglect of a duty conferred upon him by you, and voluntarily accepted by him. I shall, therefore, take my place in his chair, and I call upon you to seat yourselves at the council table."

Saying which, the archbishop strode to the vacant chair and seated himself in it at the head of the beard. The nobles looked one at the other with some dismay, for it was never their intention that the archbishop should preside over their meeting, the object of which was rather to curb that high prelate's ambition, than to confirm still further the power he already had over them. When a year before these councils of state had been inaugurated, the archbishop had opposed them; but, indiing that the emperor was inclined to defer to the wishes of his nobles, the to defer to the wishes of his nobies, the lord of Traves had insisted upon his right to be present during the deliberations, and this right the emperor had conceded. He further groposed that the meeting should be held at his own casile of Cochem, as being conveniently situated midway between Coblents and Traves; but to this the nobles had, with fervent unanimity, objected. Cochem castle, they remembered, possessed strong waits and deep dungrous, and they had no desire to trust themselves within the lion's laws, having little faith in his lordship's benevolent intentions toward them. The emperor seem-

It is not as though I asked them to come to Treves," said the archbishop,
"for that would entail a long journey
upon those living near the Rhine, and
in geing to Cochem I shall myself have
to travel as far as those who come
from Coblentz."
The empares said.

prehension at these words, and knew not what to say, when suddenly, to their great delight, in spoke the stal-wart count of Winneburg.

Your majesty. he said, 'my castle stands but a short league from Coch-em, and has a Rittersaal as large as

tred at his assaliant. "Winneburg." he said slowiy, "you will apalogize abjective of the mobies of this empire, or I shall see to it that not one stone of this must, and that in the presence of the mobies of this empire, or I shall see to it that not one stone of this castle remains upon another."

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"Indeed," said the count, nonchalanty, "I shall apologize to you, my lord, when you have apologized to me for taking my piace. As to the castle, it is said that the devil assisted in the ballding of it, and it is quite likely that through friendship for you he may preside over its destruction."

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"I'LL SEE HIM DAMNED FIRST."

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Yea, yes: Winneburg is the spot."
The emperor smiled, for he well knew that his lordiship of Treves was somewhat minerly in the dispensing of his hospitality. He purferred to see his guests drink the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which contained the wine of a poor vintage rather than tap the bottle which the select of the oaken table on which his flagon sat. Now he looked up and spoke slowly."

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countryside, so, if Treves comes on I shall meet him alone, here in my eastle, But, nevertheless, I thank you all for your offers of help; that is, all except the knight of Ehrenburg, whose tender of assistance, if made, has escaped my ear.

The knight of Ehrenburg had up to that moment been studying the texture of the oaken table on which his flagon sat. Now he looked up and spoke slowly."

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great presence had at first caused.

'Truth to tell, your majesty, I am sorry I touched him. I should have requested him to withdraw, but my arm has always been more rendy in action than my tongue, as you can readily see since I came into this room."

"Indeed, count, your tongue does you very good service," continued the emperor, "and I am glad to have from you an expression of regret. I hope, therefore, that you will have no hesitation in

the count said slowly:

"I will surender to your majesty my lauds; I will, at your word, prostrate myself at your feet, and humbly beg pardon for any offense I have committed against you, but to tell the archibishop I am sorry, when I am not, and to cringe before him and supplicate his grace, well, your majesty, as between man and man, I'll see him damned by could not the count's foolishness."

"That is but a just condition," said the emperor. "Remember that the council will be summoned to Treves to hear the count's polyment. Count of Winneburg, you are at liberty to withdraw."

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"in that case," continued the emperor, his severity visibly relaxing, "I can promise that your over-lord will not hold this incident against you, such, I understand, is your intention, my ford archbishop?" and the emporer turned toward the prince of

The archbishop bowed low, and thus veiled the malignant hatred in his eyes "Yes, your majesty," he replied, "pro-viding the apology is given as publicly as was the insult, in presence of those who were witnesses of the count's fool-

The count drew his mammoth hand across his brow and scattered to the floor the moisture that had collected there. He tried to speak, but apparently could not, then turned and walked resolutely toward the door. There was an instant outcry at this, The chamberlain of the court, standing in stupefied amazement at a breach of cliquette which exhibited any man's back to the emperor, but a smile relaxed the emperor's lips and he held up his hand.

"Do not molest him," he said, as the count disappeared. "He is unused to the artificial manners of a court. In truth, I take it as a friendly act, for I am sure the vallant count never turns his back upon a foe," which imperial wittiglem was well received, for the sayings of an emperor rarely lack ap-

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The count, wending his long way home by the route he had come, spent the first haif of the journey in cursing the archbishop and the latter haif in thinking over the situation. By the time he had reached his castle he had formulated a plan, and this plan he proceeded to put into execution on receiving the summons of the archbishop to come to Treves on the first day of the following month and make his apology, the archbishop, with characteristic penuriousness, leaving the inviting of the fifteen nobles who formed the council, to Winneburg, and thus his lordship of Treves was saved the expense of sending special messengers to each. In case Winneburg neglected to summon the whole council, the archbishop added to his message that he would account to message the archbishop and the latter haff in thinking over the situation. By the pased scathlessly, what would you do my lord?"

"Indeed, your majesty, I would take to my heels, and bestow myself elsewhere as speedily as possible."

"Most wisely spoken, and you, who are no coward, who would face willing in certain circumstances trust to swift flight for your protection. Very welf, my lord, you are now confronted with arm is as unavalling as it would be if in apparition stood in your path. There is before you the succtre of subtlety. Use arm instead of brain, and you are a lost man. The archbishop expects no appology, He locks for a stulyart, stubborn man, defying himself and the empire combined. You think perhaps that the imperial troops will surround your castic, and that you may stand a siege. Now, the emperor would rather have you fight with him than against him, but in truth there will be no contest. Hold to your refusal, and your lands as questered, and I call your attention to the fact that your estate adjoins the possessions of the archbishop at Cochem, and heaven fend me for himing that his lordship casts coverous eyer over his boundary, yet nevertheres, it is made to the insult bestowed upon him. Put it this way if you like: Would you rather the insult bestowed upon him. Put it this way if you like: Would you rather the invasion was contemplated, but this land that the invasion was contemplated, but this in an invasion was contemplated, but this an invasion was contemplated, but this land the proposessions of the archbishop thought that his lordship casts coverous eyer over his boundary, yet nevertheres, he will probably not refuse to accept your possessions in reparation for the linear the linear that the linear the linear that the linear the linear the linear that the lin

one who had chatted amilably with him but a few moments before. The emperor sat on his throne, and one of his councilors whispered for some moments to him, then the emperor said in a low, clear voice that

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